Fact Sheet 2016

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

Sequoia and Kings Canyon **National Parks**



Superintendent

Woody Smeck

Important Dates

- September 25, 1890: Sequoia National Park established
- October 1, 1890: General Grant National Park established
- April 28, 1926: President Calvin Coolidge designated the General Grant Tree the "Nation's Christmas Tree"
- July 3, 1926: Great Western Divide, Kern Canyon, and Mt. Whitney added to Sequoia National Park
- March 4, 1940: Kings Canyon National Park established, General Grant National Park abolished
- March 29, 1956: The General Grant Tree designated a national living shrine in honor of the men and women of the Armed Forces who have served, fought, and died to keep America free
- August 6, 1965: Cedar Grove and Tehipite Valley added to Kings Canyon National Park
- November 10, 1978: Mineral King added to Sequoia National Park
- September 28, 1984: Sequoia and Kings Canyon Wilderness designated and Chimney Rock added to Kings Canyon National Park
- December 4, 2001: Dillonwood Grove added to Seguoia National Park
- March 30, 2009: John Krebs Wilderness designated and an expansion of acreage added to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness
- March 4, 2015: 75th Anniversary of Kings Canyon National Park • September 25, 2015: 125th Anniversary of Sequoia National Park
- August 25, 2016: Centennial (100th) Anniversary of the National Park Service

Acres

Kings Canyon National Park: 461,901 acres 722 square miles Seguoia National Park: 404,063 acres 631 square miles Total: 865,964 acres 1,353 square miles

Wilderness Acres Total acres designated and managed as wilderness: 837,594 acres / 1,310 square miles (96.7% of the parks)

Designated wilderness only: 808,078 acres / 1,263 square miles (93.3% of the parks)

Combined Visitation

1,565,569 (2015) - This includes a 1.57% increase in visitation.

Base Budget

\$17,092,000 (October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016)

NPS Staffing

Permanent: 230 (Varies) Temporary: 350 (Varies)

Volunteers: 810 volunteers contributed 47,126 hours valued at \$1,087,197

(from October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015)

Campgrounds and Picnic Areas Make campground reservations at www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777.

Park Roads

Trails

866 miles (1,394 km)

Caves

275 caves, cumulative length of 35 miles

Wild and **Scenic Rivers** Kern River: North Fork (28.9 miles designated "Wild") Kings River: Middle Fork (29.5 miles designated "Wild")

South Fork (24.1 miles designated "Wild" and 7.6 miles designated "Recreational")

Average Annual **Precipitation**

Ash Mountain: 26.18 in. total precipitation (2.5 in. snow depth) Wettest Months: Lodgepole: 45.79 in. total precipitation (244.1 in. snow depth) December through March

Grant Grove: 42.48 in. total precipitation (187.2 in. snow depth)

Wildlife Species	Amphibians:	11	native	1	non-native	12	total		
-	Birds:	192	native	9	non-native	201	total		
	Fish:	5	native	6	non-native	11	total		
	Mammals:	68	native	4	non-native	72	total		
	Reptiles:	21	native	0	non-native	21	total		
	Total:	297*	Native Species	20	Non-native Species	317*	TOTAL		
	* Excludes species of unknown status or those that are extirpated in the parks.								
Federal Listing	Native Extirpated Species: 4 (Foothill yellow-legged frog, grizzly/brown bear, wolverine, tundra swan)								
	Endangered Species: 4 (California condor, bighorn sheep, mountain yellow-legged/southern mountain								
	yellow-legged frog, Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog)								
	Threatened Species: 2 (Little Kern golden trout, Yosemite toad)								
	Candidate Specie Proposed Threat		1 (red fox) 1 (fisher)						
Plants	Total Species & Sub-species of Vascular Plants: 1,551 (26 deciduous tree species, 24 evergreen tree species)								
Giant Sequoia Statistics	Largest tree								
	* Dillonwood-Garfield Grove may exceed this; studies needed.								
	Current best estimates are that roughly one-third of all naturally-occurring sequoias grow in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.								
Interesting Facts	 Sequoia National Park is the second-oldest national park in the U.S. (Yellowstone is oldest.) In 1903, Captain Charles Young led the Buffalo Soldiers and oversaw operations in Sequoia and General Grant national parks. He was the first African-American superintendent (acting) of a national park. Three of the top 10 oldest tree species in the world live here: giant sequoia (<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>)-3,266 yrs., western juniper (<i>Juniperus occidentalis</i>)- 2,675 yrs., and foxtail pine (<i>Pinus balfouriana</i>)-2,123 yrs. 								
Points of Interest	(in alphabetical order by park)						Elev	Elevation	
Sequoia	Crystal Cave	Center/A	st point along Gene Ash Mountain Head		hway		Feet 7,600 4,540 1,720 6,906	Meters 2,316.5 1,383.8 524.26 2,104.9	
	Giant Forest Mus						6,409	1,953.5	
	Hospital Rock Pi		a				2,684	818.08	
	Lodgepole Villag						6,720	2,048.3	
	Middle Fork, Kaweah River, below Park Headquarters, <i>Lowest point in the parks</i>						1,370	417.58	
	Mineral King Ranger Station						7,580	2,310.4	
	Moro Rock						6,725	2,049.8	
	Mt. Whitney							*4,417.8	
	*Highest point in contiguous United States. Exact elevation under debate pending ongoing study/analysis.								
	Pear Lake Ski Hu		G C			- r8		2,804.2	
	Wuksachi Lodge						7,057	2,151	
Kings Canyon	Cedar Grove Vill						4,635	1,412.7	
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Grant Grove Village Panoramic Point

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